

## SIR WILFRID HAS MAJORITY OF 49

First Division in House of Commons  
Gives Government 42—Vote  
on Reid's Motion.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—On the first straight party decision of the new parliament taken between six and seven o'clock this evening, the government got a majority of 42, the vote standing 118 to 76, which meant that 27 members were either absent or paired.

The maximum Liberal majority, when Alphonse Verville, of Montreal, was included among the Liberals, was voted that way today, is at present 48, and when Fred Condon arrives from the Yukon, it will be 49.

It is seldom, however, that all the

The division occurred on Dr. Reid's resolution for the opening of the conference in the presence of three officials and in public. The government stood by an order-in-council of last month providing for the opening of the conference in the presence of two officials and not in public.

Haggart inquired as to truth of the report that Colonel Scott, collector of customs at Winnipeg, is to be retired. Hon. Mr. Patterson said that Colonel Scott, on account of his

long years of service, was entitled to superannuation if he desired it. F had not, however, made any application for retirement, and it had on no occasion been suggested to Colonel Scott that he should do so.

opted were ambiguous. There was  
me doubt as to how Joseph Rus-  
ll, who defeated A. E. Kemp in East  
route, would vote, but he cast his

**Amendment to Railway Act**  
Dr. Reid (Conservative, of Grenville) moved the second reading of an amendment to the Railway Act compelling railway companies to accept a passenger has to exchange coupons for a ticket before boarding a train. He argued that mistakes often occurred and the present method was inconvenient to the travelling public.

Mr. George P. Graham, minister of railways, thought it was hardly wise to hold the railways responsible for mistakes made by the public. He said he would like to see the matter discussed in the railway committee, where the railways' side would be heard.

Mr. Robert Bickerdike (Liberal, Montreal), in moving the second reading of his bill to amend the criminal

for the use of the lash on wife and  
men beaters, highway robbers and  
men convicted of carrying concealed

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, expressed himself as being personally opposed to whipping as a punishment under any circumstances. It was the survival of the fittest, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth and a life for a life. However, if Mr. Bickerdike would limit a bill to women beaters he would have no objection.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was inclined to take the same view as the Minister of Justice. He would hesitate about using the whip on highwaymen or persons convicted of carrying

After E. N. Lewis (Conservative, West Huron) and W. B. Northrup (Conservative, East Hastings) had expressed themselves in favor of punishing for the class of criminals

tioning to the class of criminals mentioned in the bill, it was given a second reading and taken up in committee, where Mr. Bickerdike accepted Mr. Aylesworth's amendment and limited the measure to beaters of women. An amendment by E. Lancaster, (Conservative, Lin.) that the bill should apply only to wife beaters was defeated by 71 to 62 on a standing vote.

**Manitoba Boundaries.**

This afternoon Dr. Beebe (Conservative, Marquette) asked what pro-

at a settlement with the government of Manitoba in regard to the lands to be included in the bill which is to be introduced for the purpose of defining the boundaries of Manitoba.

In reply, Sir Wilfrid said: "A bill now being prepared in the Department of Justice to give effect to resolutions which were adopted last year with reference to the boundaries of Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario. The bill with regard to Manitoba will be submitted to the government of

province of Manitoba for conference between the government of that province and the government of the

**The Waterways Treaty.**  
In reply to a question by R. L.

...in reference to the waterways  
...Sir Wilfrid Laurier read the  
...owing despatch from Lord Crewe,  
...onial secretary, to Lord Grey

London, January 29, 1909.—I am in receipt of your telegram of January 27 and from your telegram of January 19 I gather that your responsible

sors have the full text of the treaty before them. According to press reports, there seems to be no misunderstanding as to the pre-

...parliament. In this country, law-making power is with King, and the advice of his cabinet.

ing on the advice of the responsible ministers, who, in case of treaties which affect the Dominion Act, course, in full consultation with

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## TO BE KNOWN AS THE A.B.C. ROUTE

Calgary, Feb. 4.—The grain conference closed this evening after passing a series of important resolutions. Toole, vice-chairman, occupied the chair in the absence of Premier Sturford, who was compelled to return to Edmonton. All the delegates were highly pleased with the results of the convention and there is the greatest enthusiasm over the future for Alberta grain. The new route is to be called the A.B.C. route, meaning Alberta, British Columbia route.

Resolved that in the interests of the province all grain shipments from this province be labelled Alberta.

Resolved that the governments of Alberta and British Columbia and the Dominion be asked to appoint grain inspectors to have charge of all grain inspection for Alberta and British Columbia.

Resolved that in order to facilitate the immediate erection of terminal

Resolved that in case the Dominion government refuses to grant our re-

Pacific coast, we, after a reasonable delay, urge the C.P.R. to undertake the work in order that the said elevator may be ready for the crop in 1910, any new elevator or elevators so

Resolved that the Manitoba Grain

it be so amended with application to the province of Alberta that any owner or number of farmers wishing to put their grain through the elevators by sale or otherwise shall be able to get cars in the same proportion as

ough they loaded from platforms and that the railways be obliged to keep a book or books for the purpose of recording their requests for cars in accordance therewith, and; in the event of this amendment being made

that the government prepare a draft agreement to be entered into by the parties interested and this draft agreement be attached to the act as scheduled.

Resolved that Geo. Harcourt, E. J. Ham, C. W. Bowley, L. P. Strong, J. Ellis and Thos. Woolford constitute a committee to see that the above resolutions are properly presented.

The opening day of the conference is an indication of how the hitherto somewhat estranged factors in the cereal grain business are being welded into peace and unity. The

mier's address paved the way for most amicable discussion of the role grain situation, and the remarks of the visiting delegates from British Columbia showed that the neighboring province is ready to head

take action on any proposal that may come from Alberta grain for the better marketing of our products. C. W. Rowley's paper on "Our Mutual Interests,"

... is given in full, struck the note of the conference. All agreed that better conditions can only be secured by the utmost harmony existing for the development of a western grain route. This was

James Bower, president of the F.A., said that farmers must understand that the interests of all engaged in the grain trade are mutual.

a farmer, he did not think it to his best interests to oppose other farmers in the business, but the growers must be satisfied or other uses will suffer. He said the U. S. is prepared to consider the

Thomas Woolford, Cardston, said he considered this one of the greatest conventions since living in Alberta. He is thought to be the place where

ferences between all branches of grain trade may be removed. Taking as a farmer, he felt that the reference was but the beginning of glorious end. All avenues of the grain trade will be stimulated and

that all classes are apt to think  
that theirs is the only mutual in-

It was the opinion of W. F. Jrens, live stock commissioner, hoped all would be able to see early on this grain question and each class would see that they must be content to give and take.

suggestions on the paper: read  
ought M. D. Geddes to his feet.  
spoke on the mutual interests of  
provinces of Alberta and British  
Columbia and of the suggestion that  
Alberta must have its name linked

on. W. H. Cushing hoped that attention of the British Columbia gates would be turned to raise price of grain, as they always do to do every time they hold a

ference on the lumber question.

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# Edmonton's Future Water Supply

## The Great Pigeon Lake Scheme.

The cut on this page shows one of the greatest undertakings ever proposed by any person or private corporation for Northwest Canada except Railway Construction. The scheme is being undertaken solely for the purpose of supplying pure water to the City of Edmonton and adjoining municipalities should they desire it. Briefly outlined the scheme is as follows.

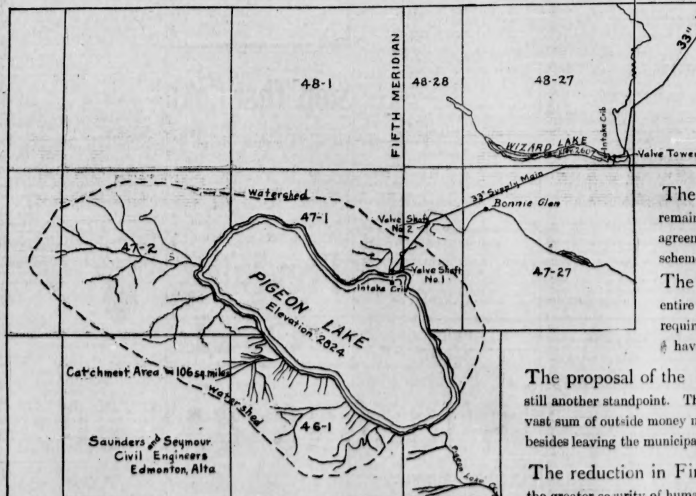
It is proposed to utilize as a source of supply Pigeon Lake, which is a beautiful fresh water lake of over 37 square miles in area, of great depth and situated about 40 miles S. W. of the city at an elevation of 597 ft. above the surface of Fourth street, opposite No. 2 Fire Hall, and is thus in a position to furnish the City of Edmonton with an unlimited supply of pure soft water. Pigeon Lake would be tapped with intake works and a tunnel, thence the water would be conveyed from the north end of this tunnel by means of a 33 in. pipe to the valve shaft and intake works which it is proposed to construct close to the Wizard Lake for reasons which are explained later. Thence from Wizard Lake continuing the line of 33 in. pipe to a natural lake situated on Beaver Hills about seven and one-half miles from the city and at an elevation of 240 ft. above the aforementioned point on Fourth street. This natural lake on Beaver Hills would be dammed, and its present source of supply diverted; a sufficient area would be excavated and cleaned out (up to a depth of 20 ft.) to provide service reservoirs of about 100 million gallons capacity for reserve supply which would be invaluable in times of fire. A valve shaft would be constructed at the service reservoir by means of which water could be served to the city from the service reservoir by means of two lines of 30 in. pipe leading from the valve shaft to a point on the south bank of the Saskatchewan River opposite the Edmonton power house and thence continuing from this point to a tunnel under the river to the Edmonton power house thus giving connection to the distributing mains of the city at the present power house.

As before stated the service reservoir would be capable of holding a reserve supply of about 100 million gallons of water with a static head of 240 ft. (i. e. a static pressure of about 104 lbs. per sq. in.), but in addition to this the valves in the valve shaft would be so arranged that a direct connection can be had with Wizard Lake which has an area of over two square miles and an elevation of over 370 ft. and is thus capable of giving a static pressure of 160 lbs. per sq. in. Or if the necessity should arise for a very great pressure the valves will be so arranged in the valve shaft that a direct connection can be had with Pigeon Lake which would give a static pressure of about 258 lbs. per sq. in. These connections can be made almost instantly on receipt of a phone message from the fire hall in Edmonton.

A telephone system would be installed connecting the No. 2 Fire Hall with a water-works superintendent's house, (which latter would be situated at the service reservoir) and with both care-takers' houses at Wizard and Pigeon Lakes respectively. A facility which would be very useful in case of fire.

The quality of the water available from the present source of supply viz: the Saskatchewan River is unsatisfactory and perhaps even positively dangerous, unless a very expensive system of purification is undertaken, and even if such is undertaken no amount of purification will render the water soft enough to be either wholesome as a drinking water or economical as a water for domestic or manufacturing purposes. Whereas the Pigeon Lake water is moderately soft.

Engineers have been at work on the scheme for many months and the promoter is now in a position to deal with the matter and to guarantee to install works as outlined in a very short time, from the conclusion of an agreement.



The City of Edmonton is thus offered the very best supply possible of good, pure and wholesome water at a cost per 100 cu. ft. less than that involved by the scheme already proposed by the City, viz: the removal to the Gibbons property of the present direct pumping system including the necessary sedimentation basins, filters, etc., to make the water taken from the river in a measure fit for domestic purposes.

The whole of the distributing system within the limits of the City would remain as at present under the control of the City authorities. There would be a clause in the agreement between the City and the Promoter, providing that the City would take over the entire scheme.

The Promoter offers to finance and carry out this great scheme to the entire satisfaction of the City and to deliver into their mains as much pure water daily as they may require for 7 cents per 100 cu. ft. Thus the city besides having a better supply of pure water would have left to them intact their present borrowing powers.

The proposal of the Promoter should also be considered by the citizens of Edmonton from still another standpoint. The proposal plainly involves the bringing into and spending in the vicinity of Edmonton the vast sum of outside money necessary for this scheme, must surely benefit directly and indirectly the entire trading public besides leaving the municipality free to exercise their present borrowing powers and bring in and spend an additional sum.

The reduction in Fire Insurance would amount to many thousands of dollars yearly and the greater security of human life and property is surely a matter of interest to all.

Saunders & Seymour  
Civil Engineers  
Edmonton, Alta.





## SPORTING NEWS

## BASEBALL

**BASEBALL MEETING SATURDAY.**  
The prospects of organizing a strong provincial baseball league for Western Canada are looking very bright. On Saturday evening a meeting of representatives of the various cities in western Canada will be held in Calgary to discuss the question and reach some definite plan. Frank Gray representative of the Edmonton baseball league will be present to attend this meeting. Jack Lamb, of Winnipeg and Jim Blain of Medicine Hat, will be present. There will also be representatives present from Brandon, Regina, B.C. and Vancouver, B.C. Calgary. The question of forming a Western Canada professional league will be fully considered at this meeting and a decision arrived at.

## CALGARY HAS OLD FEEL

Lethbridge is right in line for an Alberta professional baseball league this year. Medicine Hat is ready and only waiting for some one to take the initiative. Edmonton fans are enthusiastic and will be there with the big gun. Calgary also remains silent, and it is understood that several clubs are working in the dry hole but have got cold feet and have knuckled the professional ball in Alberta. Notwithstanding the fact that Calgary is not alone among the households here blasted back clearings since that the loss of a few old dollars in the 17 professional league has put baseball prospects in Calgary on the rocks.

That Lethbridge is in favor of an Alberta league is evidenced by an allusion from the Lethbridge Herald.

That the highly scientific game of baseball will be played in the city of Alberta this year seems very probable.

League taking in the form of a team as Winnipeg and as far west as Calgary is generally accepted as a practice by those who have had experience in running professional sporting organizations.

turning professional sporting organizations. This kind of thing, the players get paid and make the jumps too big in the railroad for the small time in baseball club expenditure. It is the profession of the players in the neighborhood of \$1,200 a season to railroad fans. In Lethbridge there is a strong feeling among the fans for the old league of 1907 again, this city, Medicine Hat, Calgary and Regina.

With the experience of two years ago, much better start is being made than the four cities mentioned knew just where they are at on the question. It has been suggested that instead of sending the teams on expensive training trips it would be wiser to let the players play at their respective places and work out there previous to the opening of the league.

Edmonton, well known baseball enthusiast of Medicine Hat, is now sending out, by the way of feeling out the measure of the city of Edmonton, Calgary is one of the other towns. It is understood that he visited Edmonton and gave his impressions to the local press.

and further encouragement he can get in Lethbridge. There was a suggestion to any person with a reasonable proposition for the revival of professional baseball in Lethbridge. Several influential persons have agreed to give it substantial support.

And now it is up to Calgary to come through.

## CURLING

**MAY HOLD BONSPIEL HERE.**  
This afternoon at 2 o'clock a meeting of the curlers of the city will be held at the curling rink to consider the question of holding a bonspiel in Edmonton this winter. All curlers of the city are requested to attend this meeting. Many are expected to bring a bonspiel in Edmonton owing to there not being sufficient bonspiels being held in the city and the fact that there is no curling rink here, however, a good bonspiel would be held, which might prove the start of one of the largest bonspiels in the west and an annual feature in Edmonton.

**EDWARDS WINS CONSOLATION.**  
After one of the keenest contests at the curling rink this season, the rink skipped by Col. E. B. Edwards won the consolation cup for the first time in the history of the Consolation competition. The final game last evening was played at the rink to a hard fight. Edwards led in the first part of the game but Calverly came in strong at the last and tied him in the second end. In the third end Edwards won out by one shot, winning the cup.

The following are the scores in last night's games:

Chalmers H. Hunt 5.  
S. G. Dewar 12.  
Thornhill 7, Grunby 8.  
Gillespie J. J. Dewar 19.

Edwards J. G. Calverly in Consolation.

**Tonight's Draw.**  
Seven o'clock draw.  
Foster vs. Mackintosh, if the players  
Larson vs. Webb.  
Johnson vs. Macle.  
Nelson vs. Evans.  
New o'clock draw.  
Archibald vs. Carmichael.  
Thornhill vs. Branton.  
Wilson vs. Hamilton.  
Thibault vs. Dunlop.

**Saturday, Feb. 6.**  
Seven o'clock draw.  
Dewar vs. Jellist.  
Nelson vs. Secord.  
Wilson vs. Gode.  
Thornhill vs. Hunt.  
New o'clock draw.  
Chalmers vs. Gillespie.  
Kirkham vs. Hunt.  
Edwards vs. Macle.  
McGeorge vs. Edwards.

**BOWLING.**  
**CALGARY BOWLING TOURNEY.**  
Calgary, Feb. 4.—From March 1st to the 2nd a provincial bowling tourney will be held in this city and teams from the west, being invited, including Winnipeg and Vancouver are to be invited. A committee composed of L. Minkler, E. Kirkpatrick, J. Dunlop, A. Clarke and J. Scott were appointed to arrange details for the report at a general meeting to be held in a couple of weeks. The success of the tourney depends on the support given by outside points. If the committee meet with the success they anticipate, and sufficient attendance of visitors is assured, a grand will be arranged for which a large sum of money will be offered. Cash prizes and trophies will be given to the winners of the five men teams, doubles and singles.

## WINNIPEG BONSPIEL

Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—A big bonspiel opening on Saturday next promises to be the greatest event in history. Sixty-three entries are in and it is expected that the total will pass the one hundred mark. Reduced rates on the railways start tomorrow.

## HOCKEY

## IS WINCHESTER COMING?

Winnipeg Tribune.—Jack Winchester, the man of men and gentlemanly dealer in hockey, is in and it is expected that the total will pass the one hundred mark. Reduced rates on the railways start tomorrow.

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## THE TRACK.

## ODD FAVORITE SHIRUB.

A full-blooded Indian from Toronto will decide the Marathon championship of the world in a match race at Madison Square tonight, when Alfred Shrub, a versatile racing machine, who has never covered the Marathon distance in a race, will try to wrest the championship from Tom Longboat.

Undoubtedly it will be the greatest foot-race event that ever has been seen. Apply of England, the only man who has ever won the Marathon with Shrub. A few weeks ago Shrub easily won against the best of the best performers in the Garden. American prize was his victory that he has been made the favorite at 7 to 5 for the race tomorrow night. The friends of Shrub want him to win the Marathon to a standstill in the first fifteen minutes.

The British recently gave an opinion of Longboat's running. He said the Indian could run all day at his own pace, but that if he was taken along faster than his usual gait for the first ten miles, he could not last ten miles. The Indian claims that he can hold any pace Shrub may set and then outlast him. The race is to be a struggle of brain as well as of endurance and speed. While New Yorkers rather favor the British chances the Indian will have a host of friends from Canada. The Canadians will arrive with fat legs and let him be likely to be at even money when the race starts at 9 o'clock.

**ODDS IN MONTREAL.**  
Montreal, Feb. 5.—Dr. Follen of Capetown, is with the morning with 1000 to 1 on Shrub and half the odds on Longboat. The odds on Longboat, even money. The betting here last night was 3 to 1 in favor of Longboat, but today is much closer, about 5 to 4.

**NEW YORKERS BACK SHIRUB.**  
New York, Feb. 5.—The odds on Shrub is now 7 to 5 favorite over the Indian. Tom Longboat, in his Marathon race at Madison Square Garden last night, Shrub's backing came from a host of friends who were watching the race in the British race three weeks ago. The odds on Shrub were 10 to 1 when he made it, but then there they made up their minds that the Indian was the better horse. The odds on Longboat were 10 to 1 when he made it, but then there they made up their minds that the Indian was the better horse. The odds on Longboat were 10 to 1 when he made it, but then there they made up their minds that the Indian was the better horse.

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